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## **OPA Daily Digest for 4/14/14**

### **Congressional Inquiries:**

None

### **State Government Inquiries:**

**Rep. Bill Otto (Mo.)** – 4/10/14: Questions on the West Lake site. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

### **Press Inquiries:**

**St. Louis Public Radio (KWMU)** - Veronique LaCapra – 4/11/14: Provided desk statement regarding news story about West Lake Landfill lawsuit. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch** – Blythe Bernhard – 4/11/14: Provided desk statement regarding news story about West Lake Landfill lawsuit. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis** – Casey Nolen – 4/11/14: Provided desk statement regarding news story about West Lake Landfill lawsuit. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**The Concordian, Concordia, Mo.** – Charles Dunlap – 4/14/14: Questions about the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**KFVS-TV, CBS, Cape Girardeau, Mo.** – Kathy Sweeney – 4/11/14: Questions about basement sewage

overflows. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**Kansas Farmer** – P.J. Griekspoor – 4/14/14: Discussed productive conversation with Administrator McCarthy at the North American Ag Journalists Conference in Washington, D.C. Griekspoor is the newly elected president of the organization. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

**BNA** – Patrick Ambrosio – 4/14/14: Requested documents related to the Chemical Universe case. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

## **Environmental Stories:**

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Lawsuit alleges West Lake Landfill radioactivity has spread off-site** – 4/11/14 - A lawyer for a man who has lived near the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton for more than 30 years, and the lawsuit he filed Friday, say radiation has spread to nearby properties, potentially affecting the health of area residents and employees.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/lawsuit-alleges-west-lake-landfill-radioactivity-has-spread-off-site/article\\_31dcba55-a853-5e8d-b32f-2847624d3fc8.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/lawsuit-alleges-west-lake-landfill-radioactivity-has-spread-off-site/article_31dcba55-a853-5e8d-b32f-2847624d3fc8.html)

**KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – Lawsuit alleges landfill radiation has spread** – 4/11/14 - There are new allegations in a federal lawsuit that radioactivity has spread beyond the confines of the West Lake Landfill and into surrounding neighborhoods.

<http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/04/11/west-lake-landfill-radioactivity-lawsuit/7626791/>

**KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Lawsuit Alleges West Lake Landfill Radiation Has Spread Off Site** – 4/11/14 - A lawsuit filed on Friday alleges that radiation from the West Lake Landfill has spread into surrounding neighborhoods, contaminating properties there.

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/lawsuit-alleges-west-lake-landfill-radiation-has-spread-site>

**KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Class Action Lawsuit Filed Against Bridgeton Landfill** – 4/11/14 – A class action lawsuit filed Friday alleges radioactive materials have migrated offsite from the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton and onto private property.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/04/11/class-action-lawsuit-filed-against-bridgeton-landfill/>

**Columbia Daily Tribune - New rule would clear the waters** - 4/13/14 - Protecting Midwestern streams and wetlands under the Clean Water Act (CWA) helps our communities and is vital to our health, safety and quality of life. Local rivers and streams — the Missouri, Perche Creek, Miller Creek, Bear Creek and Flat Branch, along with a network of tributaries and wetlands — are important to the Central Missouri area's water quality, recreation, wildlife habitat and flood abatement.

[http://www.columbiatribune.com/opinion/oped/new-rule-would-clear-the-waters/article\\_6bd553a0-c1e2-11e3-972c-10604b9f6eda.html](http://www.columbiatribune.com/opinion/oped/new-rule-would-clear-the-waters/article_6bd553a0-c1e2-11e3-972c-10604b9f6eda.html)

**Associated Press - Hirings upset residents near Superfund site** - 4/14/14 - Residents who live near a St. Louis Superfund site are upset about what they see as a lack of effort to bring in minority-owned firms to help with the cleanup. Asbestos removal is expected to begin within weeks on the Carter Carburetor site in north St. Louis.

<http://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/missouri/2014/04/14/hirings-upset-residents-near-superfund-site/7692361/>

**The Missourian - Residents Urge DNR to Deny Coal Ash Landfill Permit** - 4/12/14 - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources should deny a construction permit for a proposed Ameren coal ash landfill in Labadie, residents said Tuesday. Opponents raised concerns about groundwater contamination during a public hearing, which drew about 100 people to the Washington Knights of Columbus Hall.

[http://www.emissourian.com/local\\_news/business/article\\_ae18264e-claf-11e3-a699-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.emissourian.com/local_news/business/article_ae18264e-claf-11e3-a699-001a4bcf887a.html)

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**KTVO-TV, Ottumwa, Iowa - Southeast Iowa to see rapid CAFO expansion** - 4/14/14 - The number of hog feeding businesses in southeast Iowa could grow quickly if Des Moines County officials approve all the proposed projects.

<http://www.heartlandconnection.com/news/story.aspx?id=1031061#.U0w9IFfZZk>

**NTV, Kearney, Neb. - Court sets hearing date in Kansas pollution case** - 4/14/14 - A date has been set for the arraignment and first court appearance of a Kansas metal finishing business and its owner accused of dumping

untreated wastewater into a city sewer system.

<http://www.nebraska.tv/story/25237577/court-sets-hearing-date-in-kansas-pollution-case>

**NTV, Kearney, Neb. - Wichita residents seek answers to groundwater woes - 4/13/14** - Concerned Wichita residents are getting few answers about the extent and impact of groundwater contamination caused by dry-cleaning solvents decades ago.

<http://www.nebraska.tv/story/25234469/wichita-residents-seek-answers-to-groundwater-woes>

**Daily Reporter, Greenfield, Iowa - Wichita residents seek answers to groundwater contamination, impacts remain unknown - 4/13/14** - Concerned Wichita residents are getting few answers about the extent and impact of groundwater contamination caused by dry-cleaning solvents decades ago.

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/e8433312fa6047dc85183b1cde744069/KS--Groundwater-Contamination>

### **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

### **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**4/21/14** – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Luetta Flournoy, 7653

**4/22/14** – Sprint WasteWise Event, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**4/22/14** – Interview with KSHB-TV, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**4/26/14** - Family/Earth Day, Regional Office. Contact Karen Flournoy, 7782

**4/29/14** – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – Washburn University, Topeka. Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**4/30/14** – Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Heather Hamilton, 7039

**4/30/14** – Westar Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Rebecca Weber, 7487

**5/1/14** – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**5/1/14** – Meet with Missouri Department of Agriculture Director, Richard Fordyce, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

**5/5-6/14** – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**5/12/14** – Meet with ICCI Representatives, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

**5/12-13/14** – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – University of Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**5/20-21/14** – Budget Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

6/5/14 – Incident Command System Training, Regional Office. Contact: Cecilia Tapia, 7733

6/24-25/14 – Four State Directors Meeting, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

7/21-22/14 – Budget Forum, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

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**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

None

**CNSL**

None

**ECO/EJ**

**4/25/14** – Delaware Ridge Elementary School Earth Day Event, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

**ENSV**

None

**PLMG**

None

**RA/OPA**

**9/29-30/14** - Healthy School Outreach, Missouri School Plant Managers' Association Conference, Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Contact: Kathleen Fenton, 7874 and Harry Diesel, 7382

**SUPR**

None

**WWPD**

**4/15-16/14** – Kansas Induced Seismicity Stakeholder Meeting, Wichita, Kan. Contact: David Garrett, 7798

**4/15-16/14** – 4 State Program Meetings for Non-Point Source, Source Water Protection, and Drinking Water at RO, Lenexa, Kan. Contacts: Mary Mindrup, 7431, Ken Deason, 7585

**4/14-17/14** – Region 7 hosting Underground Injection Control Inspector Training via Video Conference provided by Region 3 with Missouri and Nebraska UIC inspectors, Lenexa, Kan. Contact: David Garrett, 7159

**4/14-17/14** – Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.  
Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

**4/28-5/2/14** - Tribal Operator Certification Training and Testing provided by Indian Health Service and EPA, Sac & Fox of Missouri and Iowa, Reserve, Kan. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

**4/28-5/4/14** – Toxic Substances and Control Act Case Development to EPA Regions 1-4 Case Management Officers, Washington, DC. Contact: Maria Morey, 7079

**5/5-8/14** – Environmental Leaders Institute State / Tribal / EPA Training Workshop, Shepherdstown, W.Va.  
Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

**5/12-16/14** – National Total Maximum Daily Load/Measures and 303(d) Listing Conference, Denver, Co. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067, Debby White, 7886